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The 2009 Kenneth A. Saucier Scholarship Winners

The Kenneth A. Saucier Memorial Scholarship was awarded to four very deserving graduating seniors. This year's requirements included: 3.0 GPA min., dependant of a SPOG member, and write an essay on the topic "If you were the Chief of Police of the City of Seattle what would you do to combat youth and gang violence". Ten applications were received and the scholarship committee evaluated each of the applicants. In the end, four deserving seniors received the Kenneth A. Saucier Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. Congratulations to the four winners:

Kalia Jandoc – graduated from Skyline High School with a 3.31 GPA. Kalia was involved with National Society of High School Scholars, softball, volleyball and cheer. Kalia will be attending Washington State University with the intent on pursuing a degree in either Education or Business Administration. Kalia Jandoc is the daughter of Detective-Sergeant Steven Jandoc of the Gang Unit.

Tyler Smith- graduated from Curtis High School with a 3.39 GPA while taking many AP and honor courses. Tyler was involved with track, bowling, cross-country and Key Club as well as working many part time jobs. Tyler is attending Portland State University with the intent on pursuing a degree in either Economics or Criminal Justice. Tyler Smith is the son of Detective Ron Smith, Pawn Shop.

Roger O'Neill- Graduated from Meadowdale High School with a 3.7 GPA while taking many AP courses. Roger was involved in baseball and basketball, as well as being a charity event organizer and Honors Society member. Roger will be attending St. Martins University and will be pursuing a degree in Accounting or Engineering. Roger O'Neill is the son of Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President.



The 2009 Saucier Scholarship winners, from left to right: Kalia Jandoc, Tyler Smith, Roger O'Neill, and Caitlin O'Neill

Caitlin O'Neill- graduated from Meadowdale High School with a 3.81GPA while taking many AP courses. Caitlin was involved with volleyball, basketball, Sports medicine and was a Honors Society member. Caitlin will be attending Washington State University and is planning on pursuing a degree in Athletic Training. Caitlin O'Neill is the daughter of Officer Kevin O'Neill, Traffic Enforcement.

If you have dependants who will be graduating from highschool next year, make sure you watch *The Guardian* next Spring for information on the 2010 Kenneth A. Saucier Scholarship.

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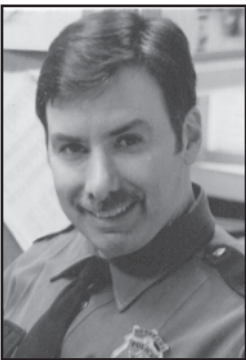
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President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



June was an incredibly busy month at SPOG with many developments and important meetings. Meetings! What would we ever do without meetings? They say that in Seattle the first order of business in any meeting is to decide when we will meet again. That must be the reason why they never seem to end. One of the frustrations is that I wish I could get out to the precincts and the different units more often. More than once I had intentions to make a visit and then I get summoned to another meeting!

This past month I had the pleasure to meet the new OPA Auditor, Judge Michael Spearman. We had a chance to introduce ourselves and to discuss SPOG's hopes and frustrations when it comes to OPA proceedings. Judge Spearman has an extensive legal background and a good grasp on the issues. I think he will be someone we can work with to ensure that investigations are conducted in a fair and thorough manner for all involved.

The Step Elimination Grievance finally "got its day in court." The hearing lasted two days and both sides put on evidence. I want to thank the officers who came in and testified during the hearing. In any grievance that reaches an arbitration hearing, SPOG relies on officers to offer testimony to illustrate the grievance. It is like any trial in court. If the witnesses are not available or are unwilling to testify, the case usually cannot proceed. SPOG cannot pursue grievances without a member willing to put their name on it and follow through with testimony, if it gets to a hearing. I know it is not easy or comfortable to testify against your employer, but it is necessary to defend the contract. The matter is now in the hands of the arbitrator and we should expect a decision by September 14th.

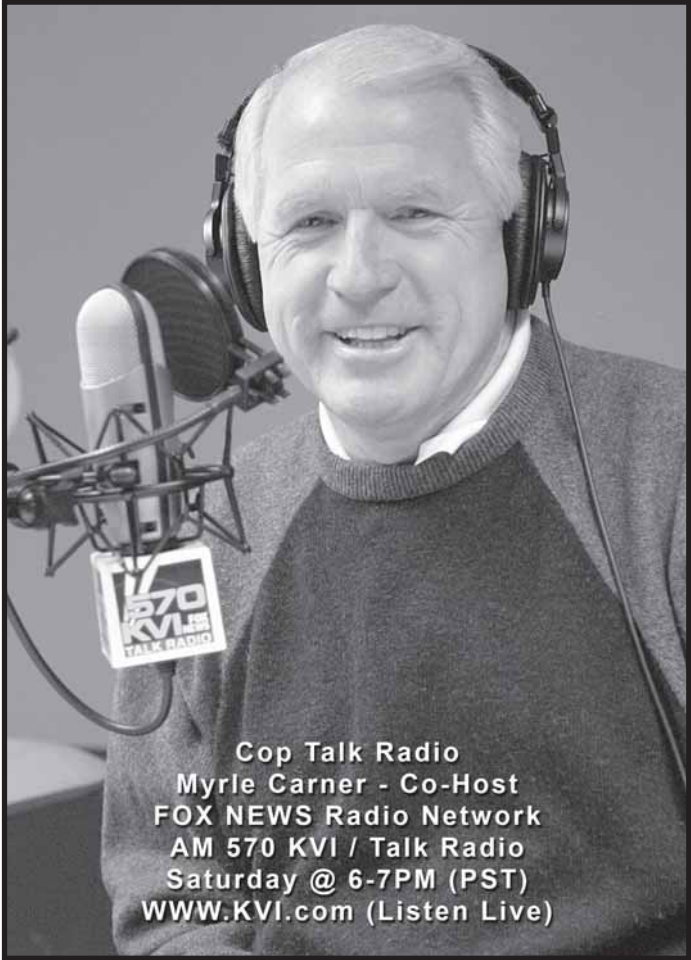
At the June membership meeting, Interim Chief of Police John Diaz accepted our invitation and came to address the membership. After a short presentation on his ideas for the department, the Chief took questions from those assembled. Many of the questions expressed the frustrations of members in dealing with the new CAD and SPIDER computer systems. There were questions about staffing, the new shifts, and equipment. The Chief stayed for nearly two hours until all the questions had been answered. The Chief announced that the city will be conducting a nation-wide search for a permanent chief and that it is expected that several "internal candidates" will apply. I agree with Chief Diaz that we have earned the right to have our next chief come from within the ranks. Besides Chief Herb Johnson serving as an interim between Stamper and Kerlikowske, we have not had an internal Chief since the 1970's. There was a time when "someone from the outside" made sense given the public perception of the department. That is no longer the case. Every citizen survey shows that the public is overwhelmingly pleased with the job we do. We don't need someone coming in from San Diego or D.C. and try and show us their "enlightened ways." I think we do all right for ourselves out here in the Northwest and it is time we have someone who knows Seattle and who came up through the ranks. I am not ready to endorse any one individual, but I will say that we have several within the ranks who could do a fine job.

This past month our political action committee spent two days interviewing political candidates who are running for office and who want the Guild's endorsement. We interviewed the candidates for mayor, city council, city attorney, even some for King County Executive and judges. Each candidate expressed the idea that the endorsement of the Seattle Police Officer's Guild was very important to them. It is always interesting to listen to some incumbents because their responses to our questions don't always match their "track record." It was a long two days, but very important. These are the people who can impact our jobs, our wages and working conditions. We want to make the right call. Our PAC Committee will make recommendations to the full SPOG Board of Directors who will make the final decisions. Stay tuned to the SPOG website for updates on our endorsements.

The Kenneth Saucier Memorial Scholarship winners were presented with their scholarships at the June membership meeting. Since the names of some of the winners closely resembled some on the SPOG board, I want to explain the selection process. Any board member who had a relative applying was not part of the selection process. The applications were received by a member of our office staff, and she redacted all of the names on the applications. The applications were then given to the selection committee who reviewed them for completeness and content. The individual essays were also reviewed. The committee made their choices and only then, did they find out the identities of the winners. All of the scholarship applicants are outstanding young people and a real credit to their families. I told the scholarship winners at the ceremony that being the son or daughter of a police officer is not easy. Their individual achievements were truly inspiring and gives you hope that the next generation will make this country a better place. I am very proud that SPOG has continued the Ken Saucier Scholarship as an ongoing award. Ken was an incredible officer, family man and person. His legacy will never be forgotten. And I know he would have been proud to honor the children of SPD officers.

Lastly this month, I'd like to address an old past time of many people: spreading rumors! Wikipedia defines a rumor as: "an unverified account or explanation of events circulating from person to person..." We all hear rumors from time to time and I doubt it will ever stop. Some are harmless, but some have the potential to destroy a person's reputation. Although we all hear them, each of us has the ability to stop them. If you hear something that sounds unbelievable, it probably is! I have always appreciated people who call me and tell me what they heard in an effort to get to the truth. I tell each and every SPOG member that if you ever hear ANYTHING about SPOG that concerns you, pick up the phone and call me. E-mail me, if you prefer. I love to quash rumors and put things in the proper context. It is simply the right way to do things!

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By The Guardian Staff

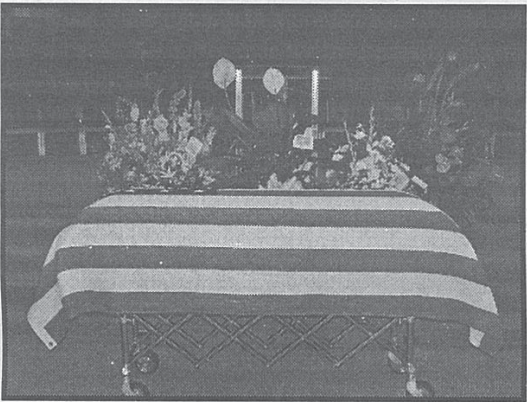
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A Man We Will Never Forget

By Howard Monta, SPD Retired

It is difficult to describe the extent of my sorrow over the loss of a great man. Ken Saucier has been one of my heroes for many years in his role of leader and representative for Seattle Police Officers. Ken would always speak his mind. He would place the truth and good judgement ahead of politics and political correctness. Above all, Ken had a genuine concern for the good of the SPD, and the well being of the citizens of Seattle.

I have complimented Ken's writing and his leadership on many occasions. One such occasion was regarding a front-page Seattle Times report published June 24, 2001. I would like to share my email letter to Chief Gil Kerlikowske that praised Ken's thoughtfulness and wisdom when interviewed by the Times reporter regarding what some critics labeled a controversial police-shooting incident. The following letter to the Chief pretty much describes the good friend we have lost:



Chief Kerlikowske,

The following message was emailed to Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske. I informed him that Officer Saucier's newspaper interview provided a much-needed lift in morale for the officers of SPD:

In the front-page Seattle Times article, June 24, 2001, Officer Ken Saucier was not only speaking from his knowledge and experience in the law enforcement profession, it was evident that his sincere words were coming from his heart. Ken's interview illustrates his concern for the best interest of those who share his own ethnic background, those of differing ethnic backgrounds, the City of Seattle, The Seattle Police Department, and the

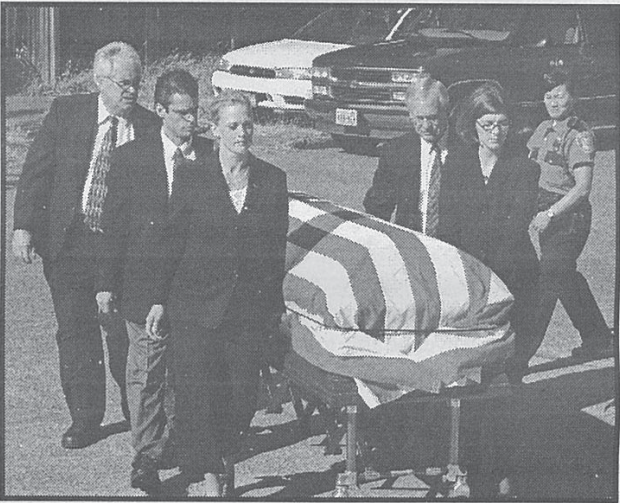
profession to which he has dedicated his life.

In this one news report, Ken has represented the feelings of all of us who care about the city and all of the citizens, and those who have been devoted to providing the best possible law enforcement service to all communities.

I would like all to know how much I appreciate what Ken has accomplished by his unselfish and bold act of expressing truths that many do not want to publicly speak or hear. He has done more to counter the misunderstanding that is causing division between the black and white communities, than any statements and meetings that have been offered to date.

A Policeman's Prayer

Lord, I ask for courage;
Courage to face and conquer my own fears...
Courage to take me where others will not go.
I ask for strength;
Strength of body to protect others...
Strength of spirit to lead others.
I ask dedication;
Dedication to my job to do it well...
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Give me, Lord, concern;
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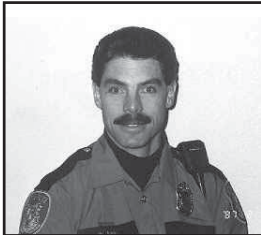
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D-Day Has Arrived

By Officer Mike Severance, SPOG Secretary-Tresurer

D-Day has arrived, and SPD will never be the same. The switch was flipped, and the new CAD/MDT came to life...well, sort of came to life. The switch has been flipped many times, and maybe our new toy will eventually be fully functional for longer periods of time.

I took my training in the static environment of a classroom on a fairly large monitor. It's a different story when you are trying to work it while driving a patrol car and looking at a smaller screen. It has some great features when they are working, but the negatives might outweigh them. The screen can definitely get too "busy" to safely use while driving. It doesn't really matter if the MDT software passes muster or not. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. The weak link in this chain is the new CAD. It is unbelievably bad. It is worse than bad. All by itself, it might be a threat to public safety. I can understand why many Communications employees are considering employment elsewhere.

Another link in the chain, the SPIDER report form, has a box in which we must enter data showing gang involvement or the absence thereof. There is no box for us to enter data showing if someone was arrested, the crime for which they were arrested, and whether they were booked into jail. That would seem to be a no-brainer for a police report. The only way to enter this data is in the narrative portion of the report.

As far as I am concerned, this is the bottom line. The company, which created all the pieces of this puzzle, went out of business long ago. Did they go out of business because they produced a quality product which was purchased by many? Or did they go out of business because their product was a piece of crap which was purchased by very few? Millions and millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent on this debacle. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear no matter how hard you try. Unless the taxpayers demand accountability for the way this money was spent, nothing will change.

For the time being, I am taking tactical lights off my wish list. Patrol, the backbone of the department, is not allowed to use them. But our SWAT officers can use them. I am told that

when those officers attached tactical lights to their new Glocks, the weapons stopped functioning properly. That's not a good sign. I have not yet learned if there is a fix for this. Is it possible that there is a quality control problem with the manufacturer?

As of *The Guardian* deadline, the Glock exchange program is still on hold, and it will remain on hold until problems with some of the new Glocks are rectified. SPOG has not been given a timeline.

The rumor mill at SPD isn't what it once was. In my early days with the Department, the rumor mill was usually reliable. That's not the case today. I need to kill a rumor before it spreads any further. Several dues paying members have asked me why I was kicked of the SPOG Trust Fund Committee. I was not kicked off that committee. I requested to be replaced. I asked the SPOG President to replace me as one of the four fiduciaries of the Trust Fund and as a member of the Trust Fund Committee. That was done, and I no longer have anything to do with the Member Benefit Trust Fund. But I was not kicked out...end of story.

Last month I alerted you to a possible newspaper article about your SPOG elected officials. SPOG received an email from the newspaper reporter, which stated that a “senior police official” and another person had told him that SPOG’s board members had a disproportionate number of disciplinary actions. Through a PDR, the reporter was given copies of disciplinary records. The reporter then determined that his sources were unreliable. There will apparently be no newspaper article.

Interim Chief of Police John Diaz attended the Board of Directors meeting on June 16th. Chief Diaz was very open and frank. He answered all the questions asked, although we may not have liked all the answers. I'd like to thank the Chief for his candor and for coming to the meeting. This is a management/labor outfit, and communication between the parties is an absolute necessity.

The latest Personnel Order shows 10 new hires and 3 separations. The net change in sworn staffing for 2009 is +13.

Be safe out there.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain John Oas

The other day I had occasion to sit down with one of our troops. Their concerns ranged from home to work - personal to relationships. They have had a great career on this department. But, lately they have just been questioning their value.

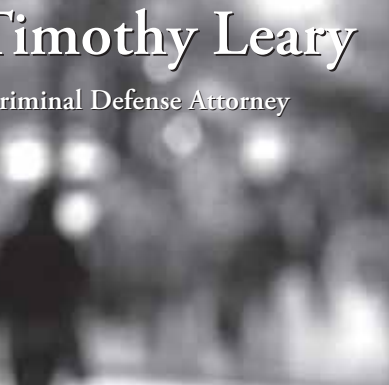
I mentioned the various teams they've been on. Then the special details to which they were assigned. Deep inside, I know they know that they are a valuable part of the department but circumstances can cloud our view.

As people change around us, we can doubt the veracity of people's opinion. Putting our 'measure of self-esteem' into the hands of others is not surety. It's not the rock we need when things feel like they are changing around us. We search for something that is true and lasting.

This thought comes from the Old Testament, given to the prophet Jeremiah; “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” says the Lord, “thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” When I know His thoughts about me are good - I can proceed in my day by day journey. His thoughts toward you are “good”, too.

May His very best be yours,
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Risk Management: Predictable is Preventable

By Sergeant Randy Woolery, OPA-IS

I'm a big fan of recently retired California Highway Patrol Captain Gordon Graham. If you have never been to one of his seminars, I highly recommend them. Not only are they informative, they are very interesting and entertaining.

Gordon Graham's cornerstone is that if it is predictable, it is preventable. He is a risk manager. In other words, instead of dealing with the consequences involving the police (after the fact), he looks at the causes (before the fact) and tries to prevent the problems and impacts from occurring in the first place.

Ten "families" of risk in law enforcement have been identified. They are:

1. External Environment (natural disasters, weather, terrorists)
2. Legal and Regulatory (complexity of or non-compliance)
3. Strategic (lack of priority setting or business planning, inability to be flexible and react when needed)
4. Organizational (not clearly defining roles and responsibilities, not having a monitoring process in place)
5. Operational (the life of a sergeant, the day to day operations)
6. Informational (untimely, inaccurate or unreliable)
7. Human Resources (the biggest civil liability of the Department)
8. Technology (outdated, unreliable systems, ability to address future crimes)
9. Financial and Administration (improper budgeting, forecasting, budget controls)

10. Political (when to get in and stay out of the political fray)

Gordon Graham has narrowed these families of risk down to two areas that most officers get in trouble over. They are **intentional misconduct** and **negligent conduct**. These can occur internally or externally.

Let's face it, if someone is intent on misconduct, there is little, if anything, we as an organization can do about it. This is a rare occurrence on our Department but it does happen. This is where consequences occur and employees are held accountable. Officers who do bad things like lie, cheat, steal, perjure themselves, use unnecessary force or commit likewise acts on purpose are very, very rare. We are a noble profession and not an evil culture. I mention this because of a concept I learned about in an Internal Affairs course I took that talked about "Noble Cause Corruption." Basically, this is doing the wrong thing for the right reason. The ends justify the means. We have always done it this way. This is how the system works. I like to think of it as the bad television cop who gets the job done. **There is no place for this in our profession.** The ends do not justify the means. We are a nation of laws and rules; our job is to follow them and hold those who don't accountable...including ourselves.

Dropping a locked box hoping that it opens and evidence is "inadvertently" discovered. Tailoring probable cause or reasonable suspicion in your report to prevent pre-trial motions. Taking a Terry frisk one step further and looking for evidence and not just weapons. Noble cause corruption

opens yourself and the Department to huge professional and civil liability, even criminal sanctions. Be aware of it and don't tolerate or accept it as part of doing effective law enforcement.

Negligent conduct is something we can predict and therefore prevent. Training is important to prevent this from occurring. Positive experience is equally important. We are paid to follow and know the law, effectively enforce the law and to follow our policies. There are three basic areas of concern that you need to be aware of and overcome during this endeavor:

1. Arrogance (the rules don't apply to me)
2. Ignorance (I don't know what the rules are or I don't understand them)
3. Complacency (I will continue to do things the way I've always done them)

The Los Angeles Police Department published a report in 2000 critical of their huge Rampart scandal. The following is taken from this report:

"Captain Swope went on to explain that mediocrity stems from the failure to hold officers responsible and accountable. It comes from a lack of commitment, laziness, excessive tolerance and the use of kid gloves. He felt that dealing with mediocrity is perhaps the greatest contemporary challenge to American law enforcement. When asked to explain how mediocrity is dangerous, Captain Swope drew an analogy of a bell curve. At the high end of the bell curve are those officers who practice all the core values: prudence, truth,

courage, justice, honesty and responsibility. At the other end, are the officers with few of those values. In the large middle are those officers who have some or most of the core values. The extent of moral influence in a police department depends on the extent to which the upper and lower portions influence those in the middle. The men and women who control that influence are sergeants, lieutenants and captains. *The irony is that everyone within a work place knows well which of the three categories their co-workers fall into.* When officers in the middle see that officers at the bottom end are not dealt with, they sometimes begin to imitate their behavior. Similarly, when those at the top end are recognized and rewarded, they become the workplace standard. The principal, though not exclusive, agents in encouraging top end or bottom end behavior are supervisors and middle managers. It is our sergeants, lieutenants and captains who have daily and ongoing responsibility to ensure that appropriate workplace standards are maintained. However, that observation in no way relieves upper managers from their responsibility to ensure that proper standards are being maintained in their subordinate commands by providing appropriate guidance, exerting their oversight responsibility and honestly evaluating the effectiveness of the commands for which they are ultimately responsible."

Once again, this is my personal opinion and in no way reflects the opinion of OPA or the command staff. I'm always open to a talk if you disagree or have a question. I'm in Groupwise...Be safe and professional.

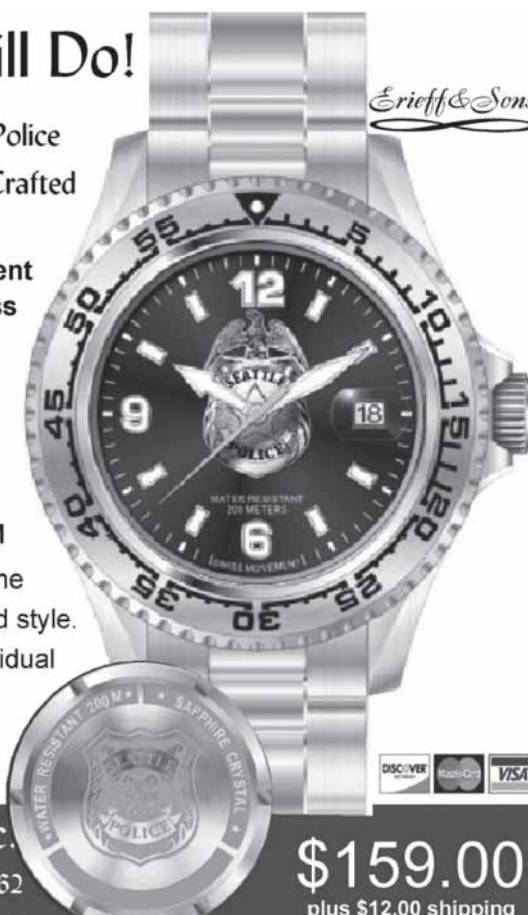
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Happy Anniversary

The Guardian Staff is pleased to announce the milestones achieved by the following SPOG members during the month of July 2009!



30 years of Service

Officer Danny Allen, East Precinct
Officer Casey Sundin, East Precinct

25 years of Service

Detective Dag Aakervik, Robbery
Detective Woody Schorsch, B/T East
Officer Mike Chin, Motors

20 years of Service

Sergeant Ariel Vela, North Precinct
Officer Scott McGlashan, Harbor
Officer Clay Stockwell, SWAT
Officer Mary Ann Unger, Traffic

15 years of Service

Sergeant Jaycin Diaz, Communications
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Detective Scott Moss, Youth Outreach
Detective Rolf Norton, Homicide
Officer Dan Bresnahan, Range
Officer Micheline Kane, North Precinct
Officer Kevin Stuckey, North Precinct
Officer Brett Milstead, North Precinct

10 years of Service

Officer Ryan Keith, East Precinct
Officer Jacob Briskey, South Precinct
Officer Michael Cross, West Precinct
Officer Corey Fleming, K9
Officer Tamara Floyd, West Precinct
Officer T.J. Janes, West Precinct
Officer Mark Misorek, Critical Infastructure
Officer Chris Gregario, South Precinct
Officer James Stewart, West Precinct
Officer Steven Stewart, Southwest Precinct

Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

The SPOG Officer of the Month for June 2009 is Officer Jim Patchen of the Southwest Precinct, as nominated by Sergeant Tony Baily for his actions protecting another officer on a burglary call.

On March 26, 2009 at 1145 hours, officers responded to a possible burglary call that indicated subjects were still inside the residence. The complainant was interviewed at the scene and it was determined the call was more of a trespass/squatting type incident. Once it was determined no one was supposed to be in the house, the officers set up containment, obtained a key from the property owner, and attempted to enter the house.

Officers Ron Hylton, Jim Patchen, Jonathon Kiehn, and Anthony Bennett approached the house. As Officer Hylton was getting ready to open the door, a male inside of the house opened it, saw the officers, and attempted to shut the door on them. Officer Hylton pushed the door open and the male ran towards the kitchen. As the officers entered the house, a large pit bull ran towards them. Officer Hylton was struggling with the male on a couch as the pit bull charged him. At that time Officer Patchen drew his handgun and shot the pit bull stopping it just short of attacking Officer Hylton who was unable to defend himself from the attacking dog. Officer Hylton still sustained a large scratch on his arm from the pit bull. The officers cleared the house and found a female in a back bedroom. Both the male and female were taken into custody.

Sergeant Baily noted in his nomination, “Officer Patchen only had a split second to assess the situation, realizing he was in a small room with other officers, he made accurate shots that stopped the dog. His actions most likely saved himself and the other officers from serious injury.”

As the Officer of the Month, Officer Patchen has selected the Help the Officer Fund as the recipient of the \$250 SMCU donation.

Also nominated this month:

Sergeant Eric Chartrand and myself nominated Officer Adam Elias of the North Precinct for twice talking the same suicidal male off the outer railing of the Aurora Bridge in 17 days. Sergeant Chartrand noted, “Officer Adam Elias deserves to be commended for his performance in this stressful situation. The subject several times turned away from the officer and looked as if he was going to jump. Officer Elias maintained his calm demeanor and continued building a rapport with the subject. Officer Elias spoke in a clear concise matter and utilized all the information he gained from talking with the subject to save the man’s life. Sergeant Bill Waltz an HNT praised Officer Elias’s performance at the completion of this incident.”

Officer T.J. Havenar nominated Officer Colin Carpenter of the North Precinct for his knowledge of his district when he used his knowledge to locate a suicidal male from a general area description determined from a cell phone ping. When Officer Carpenter found the subject, he had a garden hose running into the passenger compartment of the running car. Officer Carpenter extricated the subject and got him medial attention.

Sergeant Brian Kraus nominated Sergeant Mark Hazard of the West Precinct Anti-Crime Team as well as Detectives Rudy Gonzalez and Dan Romero of Narcotics for their actions to shut down a Honduran drug ring based out of Kinnear Park. The investigation culminated in the identification of 52 suspects and 30 arrests. This operation put a significant dent in the drug trade in the West Precinct.

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Knocking on Heaven’s Door

By Officer Clayton Powell,
South Precinct

“Momma take this badge off of me, I can’t use it anymore. It’s getting dark, too dark to see, I feel I’m knocking on Heaven’s door. I’m gonna put my guns into the ground, I can’t shoot them anymore. That long black cloud is coming down...and I feel I’m knocking on Heaven’s door...knock, knock, knocking on Heaven’s door.” These words are not mine; I can only wish I were the original author. They are the lyrics of a song. Whenever I hear them, they remind me of the ending to the movie Lethal Weapon II. There are different renditions performed by various artists ranging from Randy Crawford (the original artist) to Guns and Roses’ banging rock version. No matter the artist or the genre, the words are penetrating and leave an unwavering and lasting impression on the listener.

I recently extended, via department email, an invitation to a gathering at the Swift Av off-ramp at southbound I-5. This gathering took place on the morning of June 4th, 2009 between 0001 and 0130 hours. I was delighted to be joined by so many given the short notice. Half way down that off-ramp sits the memorial for Detective Antonio M. Terry, also known by some as “Twan”. Fifteen years ago, on June 4th, 1994 also at some time between midnight and 0130 hours, Antonio was shot doing what he liked to do...help people. As it turned out, the occupants of the disabled vehicle he encountered, and attempted to help, were not model citizens. In fact, they were pathetic examples of citizens; criminals who took Antonio from us simply because of the job he did, that of a police officer. They did not know Antonio as anything other than a police officer. They didn’t take into consideration, and probably didn’t care, that he was a loving and caring husband and father, a son, a brother, a friend to many, and a proud and accomplished man.

Another event took place during the early hours of June 4th, 1994, fifteen years ago. I had completed my last rotation of field training and was out celebrating with the officers of second watch Nora Sector as that is where I spent my final two weeks of training. It was a night of remembering funny stories and events and accepting advice from officers who had been on the job years prior to my joining the SPD. While on the way home, I was “contacted” by a WSP trooper because he was bored and wanted someone to talk to. I was the chosen one, the lucky recipient of his desire to converse. I provided my identification and he explained his reason for wanting to speak with me. Prior to concluding

our chat, he asked me about the wounded officer and how he was doing. I expressed to him that I was unaware of an officer being injured. The contact ended and I drove home in wonder. The next morning I was to find out how the wounded officer was doing, and worse, who that officer was. I called the South Precinct and was given the horrible news. The officer who answered the phone told me Detective Antonio Terry had been shot and did not survive the injuries. The shock of that news was shared by so many in the early morning hours of June 4th, 1994.

There are numerous accounts of stories told by officers who had the chance to work with and get to know Antonio during his short career with the Seattle Police Department. My story is a little different and took place some 16 years earlier. We had worn the same uniform, but in a much different arena. I was hired by McDonald’s and was working in the Spanaway restaurant. Being the new kid, I quickly came to know a few of the other employees. There were other teenagers like myself who worked there and we formed a tight-knit alliance. The uniforms were something to behold and not, by today’s standards, very flattering. Hey, what can I say, it was another decade...a long time ago. We all had to wear them and yes, Antonio had on the same hideous tight, brown, outfit I was forced to wear. Not only was Antonio there, but his sisters Yvonne and Monika (rest in peace) were as well. I got to know them and over the years would run into Antonio while hanging out with his younger sister Monika as she and I had friends in common. Imagine my surprise when I found myself an officer with the Seattle Police Department and cross paths with Antonio. I was walking through the East Precinct when his smiling face greeted me and, after all those years, we immediately recognized each other. We engaged in a brief conversation as my very motivated and pro-active FTO, Mike Lewis, was on the move. Antonio asked how much longer I would be on FTO and offered, “Get in touch with me if you need anything”. That was the second week of May, 1994, and would be the last time I spoke with the man I once served burgers with as a kid. Two weeks later he was gone.

I am not the only person with fond memories of Antonio; the officer, the friend, and the family member as each of us are reminded of him every time we exit the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Swift Ave. I have attached a few of the many responses (too many to attach them all) I received after

sending the email about the gathering on the early morning of June 4th, 2009. You can see by the content of the messages that Antonio (“Twan”) is still with us in memory after so many years has passed.

“I have been ill and taken too long to catch up with my e-mail. Thank you for your observance of this anniversary. I worked numerous narcotics details with Antonio. He always made a point to acknowledge me when I worked with their people. He always treated me with respect and had a smile and a hello. He is still missed”. [Linda](#)

“I was out of town teaching at a K9 conference in California last week. It’s funny how things work, but Twan’s name came up while I was there. One of the handlers attending was built like A-Frame, and he had that same damn smile...and lack of flexibility. I tried to explain to him how when Antonio was quarrying for K9 he had to learn to move differently than he did on the football field...grass drills with Don James looking down from the tower. It really helped this kid get it. Who knows? Maybe Twan was looking down and whispering into this kid’s ear. At least I’d like to think he was. I miss him too Bro”. [Steve](#)

“Hey I read your emails in regards to Antonio Terry. I would have been there if I was not here in lovely Iraq”. Christine

“When I read your original email, I was so pleased to hear you were doing this. I was sorry I could not make it to the event, but knew it would be well attended. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for making this tribute happen”. [Lesley](#)

“Would you please say a prayer for Antonio for me”. [Penny](#)

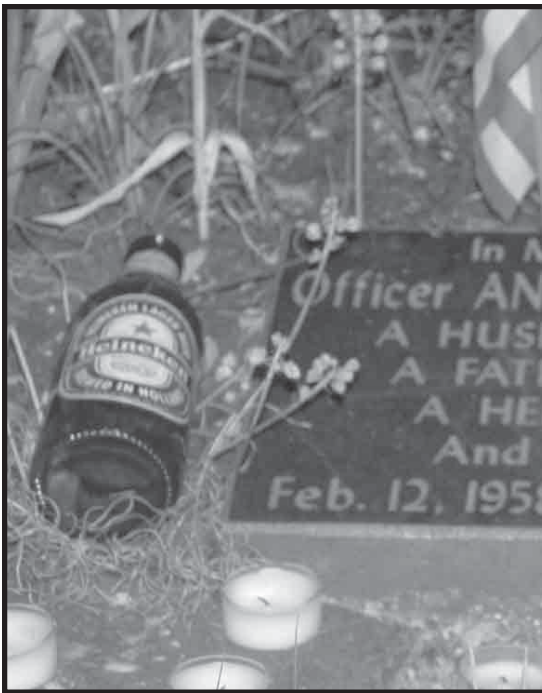
“I am not able to make it, as I have training in Bellingham tomorrow at the crack of dawn. I just wanted to let you know that I loved Antonio and wish I could be there”. [Scott](#)

“I will always remember Antonio for the way he touched the lives of everyone who knew him. My heart and prayers will be with everyone gathered in remembrance”. [Michele](#)

“Good stuff. I say hi to Twan every time I go by the memorial. I will have a cold one for him tomorrow. Gone but not forgotten”. [Dave](#)

“I did not know Antonio personally, but I clearly recall that night in radio.

15 Years We Remember



It seems like yesterday, not fifteen years ago. My thoughts will be with everyone gathered there tonight. May he rest in peace”. [Maureen](#)

“I have not and will not ever forget Antonio”. [John](#).

“I never had the pleasure of meeting Antonio Terry. From all I have heard, he is a great man, father, husband, and SPD officer. Bless you for keeping him in our thoughts and hearts. I will say a prayer for us all tonight and that we all stay safe and some day I will get to meet Antonio Terry in Heaven”. [Sally](#)

“I was going to stop by his final resting spot tomorrow in Sea Tac and will be honored to stop by at 1201 a.m. as the first step in remembering our dear friend, brother, and hero. Thanks for spreading the good word”. [William](#)

“I was working that night...not one I’ll soon forget” Gary (thanks for doing the radio call)

Before closing, I ask that you keep in mind the others who have been taken from us well before their time and keep the families in our thoughts. I have become friends with one such family, that of young Joselito Barber. Each time I see any of them (Ernie, Emelita, Jon, and Rio) I am reminded that at any time it could be my family that grieves my loss. I did not know Lito, but knowing his family is the same as knowing him, and what a family they are.

I bid you farewell from Cee Pee’s corner and, as always in parting, leave you with these words, “Go home...By Any Means Necessary”.

s Later...

r Antonio Terry



Extended Family

By Officer Glenn Osburn, South Precinct

I’m just writing a quick note for those of you who may have forgotten, or who have not yet realized, the importance of the men and women whom we work alongside on a daily basis. Recently, I attended an “impromptu” gathering at the roadside memorial of Detective Antonio Terry. I wasn’t planning on going. I assumed that the gathering was for the tight-knit group of officers who had worked with Detective Terry. I was probably working at a video store the night he was killed, and I felt as though I might be intruding if I attended. Officer Clayton Powell, however, asked me for assistance by placing a patrol car down the off-ramp to slow traffic down approaching the site. By the time I arrived, however, this was unnecessary due to the dozen or so other patrol vehicles parked alongside the ramp. Since I was there, I walked up to pay my respects and leave, allowing those who knew Detective Terry well to share the moment with each other. After standing around for only a few minutes, I realized that I had been ridiculous. Looking around, what I saw were officers, sergeants, lieutenants, captains and chiefs...but what they really were just a group of men and women who had lost a brother. For that brief 10-15 minutes, there were no ranks, no policies, no SPIDER, and no OPA; just a close family remembering a loved one, and I was part of it. There were other officers there who had less time on than me, whom I assumed had also never met Detective Terry. It didn’t matter anymore. What I had forgotten is that once I put on the uniform of a Seattle Police Officer, I gained a large family of great men and women, most of whom I have never met. As someone who has very little “real” family left in this world, this means so very much to me. I hope that if there comes a time for people to gather to remember me, that there are people in attendance with serial numbers that start with 2 all the way up to those who start with 8, God willing 9. Take care of each other out there, because nobody else will.

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The SPOG Trust Condo

By SPOG Staff

The SPOG Trust Condo in Maui is now open to all SPOG and SPMA members. The first members arrived at the condo on June 28th, which was “opening day”. The condo is currently booked with members through the end of June 2010. Drawings for July 2010 will take place at the July SPOG membership meeting on July 29th, 2009. This has been a extremely exciting project for the Seattle Police Officers Guild Trust Board of Trustees. The Trustees have been working on this project since early January, and it is finally ready for the membership. Please check out the pictures below to see before (when we bought the condo) and after pictures. We are excited to present this benefit to our members.



Dining Room Before



Dining Room After



Kitchen Before



Kitchen After



Kitchen After



Living Room Before



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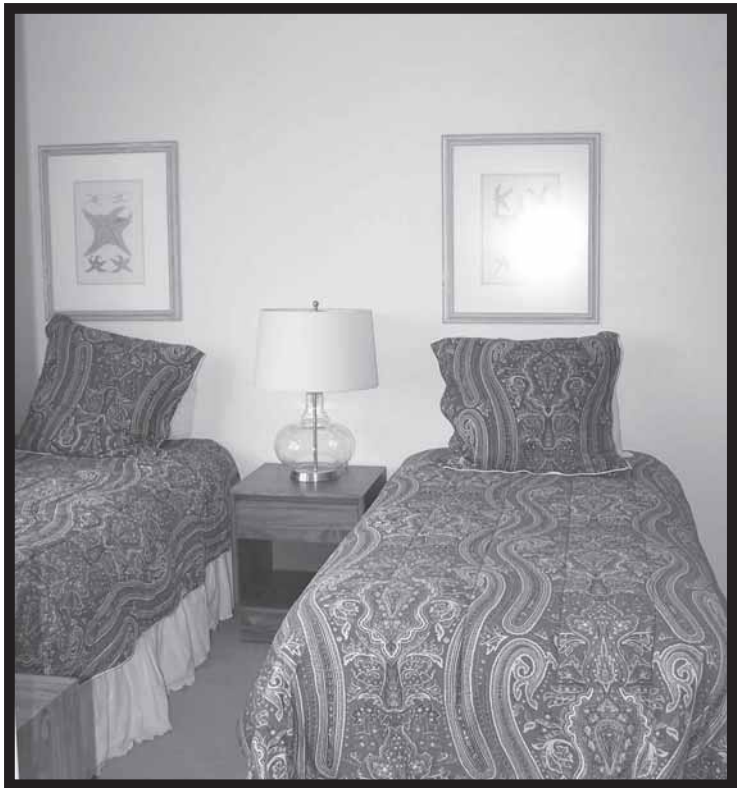
Master Bathroom After



Master Bedroom Before



Master Bedroom After



Guest Bedroom Before



Guest Bedroom After

Resistance is Futile

By Officer Steve Pomper, East Precinct

The Seattle Police Department’s new SPIDER reporting system may not compare to water-boarding (water-boarding being preferred), but SPIDER, along with the new RMS, and the revamped dispatching procedures, SPIDER seems to many as truly tortuous. Several officers, including our guild’s president, have an apt description for the system: *Clunky*—and that’s at best.

Some folks, not tethered to SPIDER, may dismiss complaints with sentiments like, “It’s no big deal; officers are just a cranky lot; or officers don’t like change.” Well, that might be true if it were just *one* thing, but it’s not just one thing; there’s been a steady flow of new policies, procedures, and (I use the following term especially loosely) “new” technologies, inflicted on us recently.

If cops are so averse to change, why weren’t there mass whiners when we went from the previous 5”-screen MDT to the touch-screen MDC? If cops are just cranky, where was the discontented throng when we transitioned to the 4-2 shift from the 6-2 shift, or to the Glock from the wheel gun? Why not so many whiners or cranks in those instances? Because the changes were for the better.

Here’s an illustration of *clunky*, which challenges those of us who value logical thinking: the new MIR codes. Whereas we’d been providing a simple, and logical, MIR such as 280U, we’re now required to first give a “U,” and then an “N” (no report), or a “Y” (yes report), followed by the number, as in: UN280 or CY430. I mean, come on... *All* calls cleared with a C will *always*

have a report attached (Y: report yes), while *All* calls cleared with a U will *never* have a report attached (N: report no). Standing alone this may not be a big change, but together with many other changes it is yet another straw.

And I hesitate to discuss the 900 series MIRs, but I’ll mention it briefly. This new system is so inflexible we weren’t able to retain a third digit as in 931, 932, 940, which are now 31, 32, and 40, etc.?

Is this change in MIRs due to technological improvement, is it logical hi-tech evolution, or is it simply a better way? None of the above; we’re doing this because... well...because... the machine says so, damn it! We’ll eventually get used to it, but that won’t help it make any more sense than it does now.

Randy Kyburz kindly put out a helpful email listing the “Top Ten New MDT Questions.”

Question #8: *What do I do if I see a message on my screen that says, “WARNING: CONTACT Dispatcher....”*

Answer: “...*please do NOT contact dispatcher....*”

Or how about the monetary loss entry on the SPIDER report: Enter \$1.00 if the amount is unknown, but enter \$2.00 if the amount is less than \$1.00—Huh?

Logical? Try, insane.

There’s something more sinister here; we’re being compelled not only

to think, but to act illogically, and if we bristle at the prospect, somehow *we’re* the problem. Perhaps we’re just being softened up for more “illogic” headed our way—but *maybe that’s just me*.

We’re required to engage in premeditated irrational behavior, having to compensate for defects in SPIDER, suffering headaches trying to learn this flawed, archaic, system whose icons resemble those from a child’s computer software program...*of fifteen years ago!*

This substandard system has been acquired by a major metropolitan city whose skyscrapers’ shadows darken the Microsoft campus a mere stone skip across Lake Washington. This seems mind-boggling to many who haven’t been provided a very cohesive or coherent explanation for this dubious—high tech—low tech—no tech—acquisition. Perhaps there is a logical reason for selecting SPIDER, but if there is, I’m not aware of anyone who’s received a reasonable explanation.

And regarding the new GPS leash, don’t get me started—Oops, too late! I remember my FTOs telling me, “Look, even if you have a good FTO, FTO still sucks because you always have someone looking over your shoulder, but it won’t last forever. Soon you’ll be on your own and one of the best feelings will be to not have someone looking at every little thing you do every minute through a magnifying glass.” Later as an FTO I’d provide my own students with this simple, but important inspirational chat. The lesson: The department, administration, and fellow officers had to learn to trust you to be on your own before they stopped “watching”—so much for trust.

Now, with In-car video and GPS tracking our every movement, Big Brother et al will have the ability to look over our shoulders in perpetuity. These technologies are marvelous and officers should be allowed to use these tools as we use other issued tools, and that’s according to our discretion and best judgment. If the ostensible reason for the GPS is officer safety, then turn it off until you need to find us for “safety” purposes. Allow officers to use in-car video when *they* deem appropriate, not by some blanket dictate from someone behind a desk who isn’t bound by such restrictive policy snares. Why in the world police officers are sworn and given commissions any longer is beyond me, we’re becoming the blue robots many of us predicted years ago. The trust has been obliterated.

My understanding, before this system went “live,” was that no one would be able to routinely track us during our daily patrol shifts; this is obviously not the case. A colleague contacted me from his desk on the first day I’d been absorbed into the *Borg*, letting me know the very place my car was located, and thus I knew—*resistance was futile*. We were also told video wouldn’t be retrievable except for what we recorded plus the buffer; wrong...*they* (you know *they*, the *they* who are not themselves tracked during the course of their daily activities) have access to all of it.

If this column seems a tad erratic, I’ll ask you to bear with me; there are so many facets to address I could only touch on a few of them, and not necessarily in as logical an order as I might have. However, having been absorbed into the Borg I’ve found that, while *Resistance is Futile*, logic appears to be overrated anyway.

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Legendary Lawman Wyatt Earp

More Well Known AFTER the Fact

Wyatt Berry Stapp Earp was born in Monmouth, Illinois on March 19, 1848. He was the third son of Nicholas and Victoria Ann Earp. Shortly after his birth, the Earp family moved to Iowa where they settled on 160 acres that Nicholas Earp received as a land grant for his service during the Mexican War. In fact, Wyatt was named after Nicholas’ commanding officer in that war, Wyatt Berry Stapp. Critical to the legends around Wyatt Earp are his brothers: the two older, James and Virgil, and the two younger, Morgan and Warren. Virgil and Morgan Earp also became well known lawmen in their own right, but little is ever said about the Earp SISTERS. Martha only lived to the age of ten. There was also Virginia and Adelia. Both James and Virgil Earp served with the Union Army during the Civil War and some believe that Wyatt was eager to follow in the footsteps of his older brothers.

November of 1869 found the Earp family living in Lamar, Missouri where Nicholas Earp served as Constable. On November 17, 1869 Nicholas tendered his resignation from the post of Contable and was appointed Justice of the Peace. On the same day, Wyatt Earp - just 21 years old at the time - was appointed as Lamar’s Constable; his first law enforcement job and following in his father’s footsteps.

Even with such a potentially illustrious start in the law enforcement profession, Wyatt hit a few stumbling blocks. In April of 1871 he was accused of horse theft in Indian Territory. He was actually arrested and captured with a bond set at \$500. He escaped and the warrant was eventually dismissed for lack of service. Although few facts are known about the events surrounding these charges, one of Wyatt’s accused accomplices was tried and acquitted of the charges. Research shows that during that same time frame a number of lawsuits were filed against Wyatt Earp in Lamar bringing into question the integrity and legality of his actions during the early years he was involved in law enforcement. This doesn’t sound like the beginning of a legendary lawman’s career, does it? It gets worse.

In 1872 Wyatt and his brother Morgan were arrested for “Keeping and Being Found In A House of Ill-Fame” in Peoria, Illinois. Virgil was working in that town as a saloonkeeper and it’s a commonly accepted bit of trivia that at least two of the Earp brothers’ wives were “working girls” that eventually settled down with Earp men. Wyatt and Morgan were both fined \$20 for their involvement in the prostitution trade in Peoria.

With his luck being what it was in Peoria Wyatt headed out for Kansas getting there sometime before 1875. There he became friends with Bat Masterson. Wyatt’s presence in Wichita in 1874 is documented by articles in the local papers at that time. On April 21, 1875 Wyatt Earp was appointed to the Wichita Police force. His salary was a whopping \$60 per month and all indications are that he performed his duties well. Can you imagine? An accused horse-thief and convicted pimp becoming a police officer. Who would think?

On May 24, 1876 it was reported that Wyatt Earp had been put on the police force at Dodge City. In 1876 and 1877 Wyatt was listed as a deputy marshal in Dodge City, but by April, 1877 he was no longer listed as serving that police agency. There appears to be some thought that Wyatt went to South Dakota at that time, but in July of 1877 he was re-appointed to the Dodge City police force and newspaper reports reflect that he was both respected and effective at that time.

In January 1878 it was reported that Wyatt was in Ft. Clark, Texas, but then again in May 1878 he was back in Dodge City on the police force. One can only wonder what would have him traveling like that and then going back again. In today’s world we all know that no police agency would hire, release, hire, release and then rehire a police officer again in such spurts.

In July 1878 Wyatt Earp was credited with killing his first man: a cowboy named George Hoy who had come into town and was shooting his revolver. Wyatt Earp responded with Officer Jim Masterson and they chased Hoy out of town. As he was on his way out Earp and Masterson fired at him and one of them hit him. He died a bit later from complications related to the gunshot wound. Whether it was Earp’s or Masterson’s bullet that hit him is unknown, but Earp is generally “credited” with the kill.

During the time Wyatt was with Dodge City, Bat Masterson was the Sheriff in Ford County. They sometimes worked together on posses and in solving crimes or tracking down criminals. Wyatt Earp worked as the Assistant Marshal in Dodge City until September of 1879. Records indicate that Earp was in Las Vegas, Nevada in October that year, but by November he was in Arizona. July of 1880 found him being appointed as a deputy sheriff in Pima County, Arizona. Not far from the the famous Tombstone which is in Cochise County, Arizona, this is where Wyatt Earp began to truly build a name for himself; a name which included arguing with judges

whom he thought weren’t doing the right and/or legal thing.

October, 1880 showed the beginnings of the tale that led to the famous OK Corral shoot out. Just after midnight on October 28, 1880, William “Curly Bill” Brocius shot Sheriff Fred White and was promptly arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wyatt Earp. Curly Bill was part of the “Texas Cowboys” and his friends weren’t at all too pleased with Wyatt’s arrest of their friend. What does this have to do with the OK Corral? Apparently, the Clantons and McLaurys at least had a casual friendship with the Texas Cowboys and so weren’t feeling very charitable toward Wyatt Earp either.

On October 26, 1881 the infamous gunfight at the O.K. Corral occurred. On the “law” side were Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp accompanied by Doc Holliday. On the “bad guy” side were Ike and Billy Clanton, Billy Claiborne, and Frank and Tom McLaury. Allegedly unarmed, Ike Clanton and Billy Claiborne escaped the fight uninjured. Billy Clanton, Tom McLaury and Frank McLaury were killed.

After his adventures in Tombstone, Wyatt Earp made his way to Colorado, then California and eventually Alaska. After a few years there he headed back to California - specifically to Los Angeles. While he was there he met a young extra and prop man who would eventually become well known as John Wayne. John Wayne once commented that he based much of his portrayal of western lawmen on his conversations with Wyatt Earp. Wyatt Earp died on January 13, 1929, was cremated and buried in Colma, California.

So far, have you read anything that would justify him being such a well known and highly revered lawman? He obviously spent quite a bit of time doing the work and was involved in some incidents that most of us would be happy not to walk into. However, what really propelled Wyatt Earp to Legendary Lawman status was what happened after he died.

From 1934 to 1994 there were twelve movies made about Wyatt Earp. Twenty-one other movies or television series refer to Wyatt Earp and comment on, or use as a basis for some action, his legendary lawman status.

Don’t get me wrong: I’m not trying to hurt the Wyatt Earp image. In fact, I’ve got a lot of respect for a man who can overcome those who acuse him of being less than perfect (God forbid a police officer

or deputy actually be HUMAN) and continue to do the job with as much conviction as he actually carried. Having spent 80 years of life in this world, Wyatt Earp - either before or after his death - became an example of how some things should be done and how others shouldn’t. His name has become synonymous with the image of a western sheriff or cattle town marshal. The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral will live in infamy. Attached to that is the reality that the Texas Cowboys - as western and country as they could be - have come to represent the worst and perhaps first “gang” in our country’s documented history.

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Retired News

By Mike Germann

**NEW SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
RETIREMENTS**

There are two new retirements of sworn LEOFF II Seattle Police Officers to publish this month, but no LEOFF I officers:

Robert L. Toms, #5082, Police Officer, service retirement 6/19/09

SPD Hire Date 12/19/1985; longevity date 12/19/1986 – Officer assignments: North Precinct (2nd Watch) May 1987 to retirement date.

Michael T. Cassidy, #3806, Police Officer, Service Retirement 5/26/2009

In His Own Words

I originally came on the Department as a Police Cadet in 1973 and because of budget cuts, was transferred to Communications and then left for a few years. (Rehired 1/4/1984). My career was spent in Patrol working in the East Precinct and then moving to the West Precinct. I was in the downtown foot beat squad for many years walking in Belltown with my partner and friend Don Wirth. In the foot beat squad, I worked the protests in both the Gulf Wars and WTO. I have worked with some great people and a few characters.

**SEATTLE POLICE PENSION BOARD
TRUSTEE ELECTION**

The Chief of Police designated two sworn officers to conduct a member-elected trustee election on June 17, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Detective Sergeant Deb Nicholson and Officer Tim Bruce did their usual outstanding job as Department election officials. While the exact ballot count is not known at the time this article is written, prior to the actual election, there is no doubt as to the outcome.

Ray Carroll was unopposed for re-election to yet another three-year term on the Seattle Police

Pension Board from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

The Seattle Police Pension Board accepted and ratified the June 17, 2009 member-elected trustee election and its results during their business meeting of June 30, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS, RAY!

**66TH ANNUAL RETIRED OFFICERS’
BANQUET COMING**

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the evening of:

September 9, 2009

To attend the 66th Annual Retired Seattle Police Officers’ Banquet. The doors at the Seattle Police Athletic Association pavilion will open at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**RETIRED SEATTLE OFFICERS’
ASSOCIATION NEWS**
**(RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2009**

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00 in the dining room of the Four Seas restaurant, June 10, 2009. Myron Maxwell led the pledge of allegiance. Taylor asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for the recent passing of retired Inspector Carl Reinbolt, Lt. Edwin Marcus, Det. Henry (Dave) Aitken and Det. Dale Harper.

Roll call of officers showed Taylor, Rovig, Bulpin, Nordlund and Peterson to be present, with Munter, Sullivan and Slessman excused.

Taylor directed attention the minutes of the May meeting that have been distributed and asked for any

corrections, deletions or additions. Dan Melton made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Myron Maxwell and passed unanimously.

Nick Bulpin gave the financial report stating it will be submitted for audit.

President Taylor stated he was attending a state wide LEOFF meeting in Chelan last month. The meeting was an educational information meeting that included both the Retired side and the Government side on retired issues.

President Taylor reported he was removed from the LEOFF 1 Coalition board. A meeting is scheduled for June 17 to rectify some troubling issues. However, the RSPOA will remain involved with the Coalition to maintain our legal standing with the Coalition.

President Taylor reported the Medical Benefits Study that was set up by the Governor has completed phase one that involves taxes and people involved and a document will be distributed at the next meeting scheduled for June 30. Phase two will address cities and counties that are unable to meet their obligations.

President Taylor recognized Ernie Randall as performing an outstanding job as greeter at the monthly meeting. Ernie is retiring and will be replaced by Jeri Jones who has agreed to take over as greeter.

President Taylor turned the meeting over to Executive Secretary Mike Germann, of the Seattle Police Pension Office. Germann reported there will be no Social Security increase this year and went on to say spouses with the “D” level of medical benefits with Social Security will probably see a decrease in monthly benefits. Germann then introduced Elaine Danielson who will retire after 19 years with the Pension Office on July 17th, thanking her for her dedicated service. Elaine was given a warm applause.

President Taylor stated there were bills in both the House and Senate to repeal the Windfall Tax ruling that deprives retired police officers, firefighters, etc. of 60% of their Social Security benefits if retirement eligibility was after 1986. He urged everyone to contact their respective law makers to support the repeal of the Windfall Tax penalty.

President Taylor recognized Dan Oliver who was instrumental in negotiating the passing of the recent contract between the Management Association and the City.

John Nordlund introduced guest speaker, City Councilman, Tim Burgess. Tim was an eight year veteran of the Police Department before entering into private business. Tim took the floor and briefly outlined his career with the SPD. He stated he serves as the chairman of the City Council Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee. He is the Vice-chair of the Planning Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee. He is also the Co-chair of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council and the Family and Education Levy Oversight Committee. Tim stated it his goal to step up the recruiting of more police officers noting there is a shortage of uniformed officers on the street. Recruiting efforts may be difficult in the near future because of city budget shortfalls. Tim then fielded questions from the audience. President Taylor presented Tim with an honorary badge and thanked him taking time out of is busy schedule.

There being no further business Ivan Feilberg move to adjourn at 12:30 seconded by John Nordlund and 44 people enjoyed another great lunch.

Nick Bulpin, Secretary/Treasurer

Attention All Retired SPOG & SPMA Members

The new SPOG Trust Maui Condo is now accepting names for the waiting list.

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July 2009 Retirees' Birthdays

Note The number in parenthesis indicate the retiree's July birth date.

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In Memoriam

Edwin L. Marcus, III, #3083, retired Seattle Police Lieutenant, passed away quietly on May 28, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona, following a long illness. He was 62 years of age upon his death.

Ed Marcus was born on July 25, 1946. He was appointed a Seattle Police “Patrolman” on March 25, 1969. Known far and wide by the moniker of “Fast Eddy,” there was almost nothing going on in south Seattle that Ed Marcus didn’t know about or he couldn’t find out in short order. His instincts as a street cop were outstanding and served him well. Ed was promoted to Sergeant on January 17, 1983 and again promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on September 12, 1986. Ed Marcus retired from the Seattle Police Department on June 29, 2003, following almost 34 years of police service.

Ed Marcus joined the Seattle Police Department during the days of civil unrest in the City of Seattle. He was one of the few minorities on the Seattle Police Department at the time. Despite all the hard times for him, he did his job as a Seattle Police Officer. This is how he should be remembered.

Edwin Marcus is survived by his wife Melanie, who unfailingly nursed him during his years of illness. The woman is a saint.

There was a very well-attended remembrance gathering to celebrate the extraordinary life of retired Seattle Police Lieutenant Edwin L. Marcus, III, on June 11, 2009 at the Swedish Cultural Club, in Seattle.



Henry D. “Dave” Aitken, #1420, retired Seattle Police Patrol Officer, Detective and Homicide Detective passed away quietly on May 31, 2009, while an in-patient at a Bellevue-area nursing home. He was 81, almost 82, years of age upon his death.

Dave Aitken was appointed a Seattle Police Patrolman on March 2, 1953. He rose to the position of Detective on January22, 1962. Initially he was in Detective Sergeant Fred Mitchell’s crew and partnered with Detective Billy Sands. (Both Mitchell and Sands are deceased.) Later, he became a valued member of Detective Sergeant Ivan Beeson’s homicide crew where he was partnered with Homicide Detective Ted Fonis. (Beeson is deceased but Fonis is still with us.) These detectives were really something to behold. You had to have been there to fully understand what this means. Dave Aitken retired from Seattle Police Service on January 13, 1980, following 26 years on the streets of Seattle. During WWII, Dave was an enlisted U.S. Navy veteran attached to Carlson’s Second Raiders, an elite tough-as-nails Marine outfit. Dave Aitken’s earthly remains were cremated and his ashes will be scattered over the State of Washington’s Cascade Mountains as he wished.

Surviving is Dave Aitken’s wife of 35 years, retired King county Superior Court Judge Patricia Harbour Aitken, three sons, a daughter, grandchildren and great-grand children.

Dave Aitken was one of the truly great detectives of his era of police work.



and one of Seattle’s finest Reserve Police Officers

Richard Christian Ostbye, Sr., 9/17/1949 – 5/18/2009. Loving father and friend, 59, passed away in Shoreline the morning of May18, 2009, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Born and raised in the Seattle area, he lived in the Pacific Northwest all of his life. He served the City of Seattle and his community as a Seattle Police Reserve Officer for more than 20 years. He will be remembered for his generosity, witty humor and unwavering spirit. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer and Courtney, and son Kyle. He was preceded in death by daughter Danielle and son Richie. A celebration of his life was held at the South County Senior Center in Edmonds, Washington, on June 6, 2009. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Seattle Children’s Hospital or to the American Cancer Association.



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Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith, Editor



Street Skills 2009 is well underway, and in my humble opinion this year's format is awesome. In a department that tends not to treat it's employees as "adults," this year's ability to pick and choose from a list of offered "electives" and required courses, and to schedule those sessions at a time that fits each individual officer, detective and sergeant's schedule is priceless! I hear that some of the brass doesn't like these changes, but I can assure you that I have not spoken with one person from the rank and file who is not relieved that they don't have to be locked up in training for four days straight, and can spread it out to suit their needs. Kudos to whoever was the brainchild behind this venture, and may we see this model in the years to come.

Recently the Glendale (CA) Police Officers Association refused to give back a 6% raise, after being asked to do so by the City to help offset a 9.7 million dollar budget deficit. Earlier this year Kent Police Officers gave up a pay raise to help plug a budget gap when the City came calling. The rumors are already flying amongst our rank and file about the City coming to us to forgo our 2010 minimum six-percent raise. Frankly I would be surprised if they don't come and insult each of us and ask for a give back. Why would you think they are above this type of tactic when they sent the Chief's to roll calls on "Black Tuesday" to directly bargaining with the membership? It doesn't hurt them one bit politically, because when we say not NO, but HELL NO in a loud and resounding voice, they can paint us as a greedy lot of heartless malcontents. They can spin it anyway they want, but let me ask you this: When was the last time when the cyclical American economy was booming did the City offer to give us a raise above and beyond what we were asking for? The answer of course is this has never happened. Be of good cheer, as your guild contract runs through the end of 2010, and is binding in nature. Unless the City claims bankruptcy, they are going to have to show us the money!

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Until next month, be safe out there! Feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions at spogguardian@yahoo.com. "A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."- John F. Kennedy.

Line of Duty Death Traffic Deaths

By Officer John Abraham, SPD Safety Officer and
SPOG Sergeant-at-Arms

For the eleventh straight year, more officers died in traffic-related incidents in 2008 than from any other single cause of death. In 2008, 53% of Line-of-Duty deaths were caused by traffic-related incidents, up from 46% in 2007.

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Calendar of Events

- Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the
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Wednesday, July 8th at 1300 hours
- SPOG Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 29th at 2000 hours
- July 2010 SPOG Hawaii Condo Drawing
Wednesday, July 29th during the SPOG Membership Meeting

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